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SUBJECT: LOAN OF RVN MONITORS TO KHMER NAVY

REF: STATE 058908

1. THE CURRENT CRITICAL STATUS OF NEAK LUONG, FANK'S INDISPENS-
ABLE FORWARD SUPPORT BASE FOR OPERATIONS TO REOPEN THE LOWER
MEKONG, MAKES SOONEST DATE FOR GKR USE OF LOAN MONITORS HIGHLY
CONJECTURAL.

2. THEIR EMPLOYMENT IS ESSENTIAL IN THE FINAL STAGES OF CLEAR-
ING OPERATIONS IN ADVANCE OF THE NEXT CONVOY, SPECIFICALLY IN
SUPPORT OF LANDINGS AT S-3 (REAM JEANG ISLAND) AND SWEEPING
IDENTIFIED MINEFIELDS AND BARRIERS IN THAT VICINITY.

3. OPTIMISTICALLY, THE SITUATION AT NEAK LUONG CAN BE
STABILIZED IN ONE TO TWO WEEKS. RETAKING OF
NECESSARY RIVERBANK POSITIONS NORTH OF S-3 WILL
REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL THREE TO FOUR WEEKS, FOR AN
OVERALL ELAPSED TIME OF APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS AT

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BEST BEFORE THE MONITORS IN QUESTION COULD PROFITABLY

BE EMPLOYED BY THE GKR.

4. MEDTC CONCURS.

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